

AN OBITUARY NOTICE

prof. Ing. Emil Klimo, DrSc. (1930–2016)



The 28 October 2016 passed away prof. Emil Klimo, soil scientist and forest ecologist. He was for a long time head of the Department of Soil Science and Geology and later on head of the Institute of Forest Ecology at the Faculty of Forestry Mendel University in Brno (former Agricultural University), Czech Republic.

Professor Klimo lectured the subject of Forest Soil Science and he was also external lecturer at the Faculty of Science, Masaryk University in Brno, and visiting professor at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU).

He was involved in the development and implementation of the flagship research projects at the Institute of Forest Ecology that were focused on biogeochemical cycling and soil processes in spruce ecosystems of lower vegetation zones and floodplain forest within International Biological Programme and Man and Biosphere Programme of UNESCO and his activities were important in the international arena in the bodies of IUFRO, the European Forest Institute (EFI) in Joensuu, and in the bilateral cooperation with the universities of Zagreb, Freiburg, Munich, Vienna, Tharandt, Uppsala, Aas, Moscow and many other places in the world.

During his work in the academic sphere, prof. Klimo published more than 100 research papers in journals and conference proceedings nationally and abroad. He was co-author of a two-part book monograph on floodplain forests published in Academia, Prague publishing house and Elsevier in 1985 and 1991, the monograph Floodplain Forests of the Temperate Zone of Europe and book of European Forest Institute Norway Spruce-Conversion Options and Spruce Monocultures in Central Europe.

We remember him as a very enthusiastic and dedicated researcher who was fully committed to the issue he was working on and will forever remain as good colleague and friend.

prof. Ing. Jiří Kulhavý, CSc.
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